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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

To balance in treasury February 15, 1897,	\$451.42
amount remaining on D. C. Ayer's list of 1895,	120.05
amount remaining on F. C. Fife's list of 1896,	384.00
amount committed to F. C. Fife, for col- lection, 1897 :	
Resident tax,	\$4,520.06
Non-resident,	646.99
	<u> </u> \$5,166.99

RECEIVED OF STATE TREASURER.

Insurance tax,	\$22.50
Railroad tax,	250.15
Savings-bank tax,	956.56
Literary fund,	85.56
	<u> </u> \$1,314.77
For board of Susan Dutton,	\$41.00

RECEIVED OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY.

For aid of John M. Hayes and family,	\$69.30
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RECEIVED OF MERRIMACK COUNTY.

For aid rendered county paupers, viz. :

Hiram Hartford,	\$121.47
Mrs. S. Batchelder,	40.87
Isaac Hall,	81.28
Chas. E. Witham, dependent soldier,	41.04
Osum Dowst,	79.91
Charles Marden,	2.00
	<u> </u> \$366.57

RECEIVED OF TOWN CLERK.

License on dogs,	\$131.89
Borrowed money,	200.00
Samuel R. Yeaton, old bridge plank,	9.28
F. C. Fife, interest on tax 1896,	12.22
“ “ “ 1897,	7.75
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	\$8,275.24

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Silsby and Son, for supplies,	\$2.69
Ira C. Evans, printing town reports,	39.60
Geo. H. Hoyt Post, No. 66, G. A. R., appropriation for Memorial Day,	50.00
E. C. Eastman, for supplies,	3.70
C. J. Brown, dinner for selectmen and horses,	6.00
C. J. Brown, dinner for selectmen and horses, and others on Locke road case,	6.00
B. M. Towle, time spent on Locke road case,	6.00
A. L. Brown, public watering place,	3.00
Lucian Heath, “ “ “	3.00
C. H. Osgood, “ “ “	3.00
A. S. Ladd, “ “ “	3.00
C. H. Palmer, “ “ “	3.00
George Burnham, for guide boards and posts,	8.59
John G. Dow, painting and lettering guide boards,	8.95
John G. Dow, painting and repairing hearse,	23.75
Trickey & Johnson, 7 M shingles for hearse house,	17.50

Paid B. M. Towle, for shingling hearse house,	\$6.10
Luther T. Hall, mowing Epsom cemetery,	3.00
B. M. Towle, wood for town house,	2.25
B. M. Towle, watchers at fire of C. H. Osgood,	6.00
Silver & Hall, nails for hearse house,	1.24
George W. Lane, services and attendance on Locke road case,	25.00
Silsby & Son, for town inventory book,	5.00
Alviah L. Yeaton, sheep killed by dogs,	6.00
A. D. Sherburne, attendance with hearse,	35.00
Roscoe Hill, for public library,	60.00
“ “ library expenses,	32.00
“ “ reporting births and deaths,	3.25
Albin, Martin & Howe, for legal services,	99.00
James L. Bickford, time spent on Locke road case,	4.00
E. E. Wells, time and expense on Locke road case,	12.36
E. E. Wells, telephoning, express and stationery,	4.22
E. E. Wells, witness fees in Locke road case,	15.50
E. F. White, dinners for selectmen, auditors and horses,	5.15
F. C. Fife, for taxes and incidental charges of the estate of Samuel Martin, for the year 1896,	62.33
D. C. Ayer, services as constable,	6.00
“ “ attendance at Osgood fire,	2.00

Paid D. C. Ayer, taking Mrs. Sanborn to county farm,	\$4.00
Edith Batchelder, money loaned the town,	109.64
James Yeaton, note of Elizabeth Pres- cott,	132.70
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	\$829.52

REPAIRING HIGHWAY AND BRIDGES.

Paid Samuel R. Yeaton, for road agent for 1896,	\$21.47
Charles R. Dutton, for road agent for 1897,	435.57
James H. Tripp, for road agent for 1897,	712.38
Edwin R. Yeaton, for road agent for 1897,	781.34
	<hr/> \$1,950.76

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Paid S. A. Carter, state treasurer, state tax,	\$995.00
Warren Abbott, county treasurer,	
county tax,	968.19
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	\$1,963.19

SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Paid M. L. Wallace, member of school board,	\$15.00
James E. Philbrick, “ “ “	10.00
John H. Dolbeer, superintending school committee,	30.00
B. M. Towle, treasurer of school board,	10.00
John H. Dolbeer, treasurer, repair money,	75.00
“ “ “ school books,	58.84

Paid John H. Dolbeer, treasurer, balance of dog money,	\$85.34
John H. Dolbeer, treasurer, literary fund,	85.56
John H. Dolbeer, treasurer, town appro- tion,	1,200.00
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	\$1,569.74

SUPPORT OF COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid J. B. Tennant:

supplies for Hiram Hartford,	\$81.17
“ Charles E. Witham,	5.29

Silver & Hall:

supplies for Hiram Hartford,	6.25
“ Charles E. Witham,	27.00
“ Osum Dowst,	40.65
“ Mrs. S. Batchelder,	40.87
“ Charles Marden,	2.00
“ Isaac Hall,	37.28

Ansel C. Heath:

supplies for Osum Dowst,	9.36
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Roscoe Hill, M. D.:

medical attendance on Isaac Hall,	7.00
“ “ “ Hiram Hartford,	21.00
“ “ “ Chas. E. Witham,	3.75
“ “ “ Osum Dowst,	4.90

Martha Marston, care of Mrs. Isaac Hall, 3.00

J. E. Pierce, digging grave for Isaac Hall, 2.00

J. W. Scribner, attending funeral of Isaac
Hall, 2.00Jeremiah Witham, wood furnished Charles
Witham, 5.00

Hollis Hall, wood furnished Osum Dowst, 15.00

J. E. Pierce, digging grave for Mary Hall, 2.00

Hiram A. Holmes, wood furnished Isaac
Hall, 2.00

Paid George F. Munsey, M. D., attendance for	
Hiram Hartford,	\$9.00
C. H. Palmer, services and team at the	
death and burial of Isaac Hall,	5.00
Levi Bunker, burial outfit for Isaac Hall,	13.50
D. J. Etheridge, services at death of Isaac	
Hall,	2.00
George C. Knowles, wood furnished Isaac	
Hall,	3.00
F. H. Sargent, M. D., one call to Isaac	
Hall,	2.50
Anson B. Cass, milk furnished Hiram	
Hartford,	4.05
Mrs. S. T. McCarthy, board of Osum	
Dowst and wife,	10.00
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	\$366.57

PAUPERS CHARGEABLE TO HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY.

Paid Roscoe Hill, M.D., attendance to John M.	
Hayes,	\$5.50
Silver & Hall, supplies for John M.	
Hayes,	53.30
Towle & Goss, wood for John M. Hayes,	10.50
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	\$69.30

PAUPERS CHARGEABLE TO THE TOWN.

Paid Merrimack county farm, board of Shuah	
Sanborn, $39\frac{5}{7}$ weeks,	\$99.28
Merrimack county farm, board of Susan	
Dutton, $47\frac{5}{7}$ weeks,	143.14
Charles W. Davis, board of Shuah San-	
born, 7 weeks,	14.00
Charles W. Doe, board of Shuah San-	
born, 1 week,	2.00

Paid Chesley Brothers, keeping tramps,	\$22.00
C. J. Brown, " "	3.50
E. F. White, " "	.75
James L. Bickford, " "	1.50
B. M. Towle, money paid for keeping tramp,	2.25
Roscoe Hill, M. D., attendance to Wm. F. Wentworth,	1.00
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	\$289.42

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid George E. Warren, treasurer,	\$30.00
John H. Dolbeer, auditor for 1896-'97,	3.00
F. C. Fife, collector, in part,	50.00
F. C. Fife, balance for collector for 1896,	15.00
J. B. Tennant, services as supervisor from 1894 to date,	27.00
John T. Cotterell, member of board of health,	3.00
M. C. Philbrick, town clerk,	20.00
M. C. Philbrick, recording marriages, births, and deaths,	6.60
E. E. Wells, services as selectman,	73.45
Jas. L. Bickford, " "	48.00
B. M. Towle, " "	54.00
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	\$330.05

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid Charles A. Yeaton, dead cow,	\$0.45
True F. Kelley, dead dog,	1.00
A. L. Sanders, dead cow,	.33
F. C. Fife, abatements on 1896 list,	5.61
" " " 1897 "	13.76
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	\$21.15

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES.

Miscellaneous expenses,	\$829.52
Repairs of highways and bridges,	1,950.76
State and county tax,	1,963.19
School account,	1,569.74
Support of county paupers,	366.57
Support of Hillsborough county paupers,	69.30
Support of town paupers,	289.42
Town officers,	330.05
Abatement of taxes,	21.15
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	\$7,389.70
Taxes uncollected,	616.04
Balance in treasury,	269.50
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	\$8,275.24

Respectfully submitted,

EDGAR E. WELLS,
 JAMES L. BICKFORD,
 BENJAMIN M. TOWLE,
Selectmen.

REPORT OF ROAD AGENT.

REPORT OF ROAD AGENT FOR 1896.

Paid Joseph P. Locke,	\$1.87
F. P. Wheeler,	2.00
Jacob E. Griffin,	1.60
S. W. Bickford,	3.00
B. M. Towle,	1.50
S. R. Yeaton,	7.75
Hollis Hall,	3.75
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	\$21.47

S. R. YEATON,

Road Agent.

REPORT OF ROAD AGENTS FOR 1897.

Paid Samuel Fowler, for team,	\$12.00
G. W. Pierce, for labor,	5.25
H. C. Lovejoy, for labor and team,	6.00
Benj. Fowler, " "	17.50
G. T. Dutton, "	53.33
E. M. Hall, "	15.83
W. H. Knowles, "	14.25
B. H. Fowler, " and team,	21.10
Lucian Heath, " "	3.75
John C. Yeaton, " "	25.00
Philip Fowler, " "	10.25
Horace Fowler, " "	2.25
E. K. Spurlin, "	6.00
G. H. Burnham, "	.75
W. J. Philbrick, "	1.25

Paid C. O. Brown, for labor and team,	\$7.50
R. C. Brown, " "	18.07
T. W. Brown, " "	6.00
T. F. Kelley, " "	3.75
E. M. Kelley, " and team,	43.95
J. P. Locke, " "	12.20
Samuel Stanley, " "	4.65
Chas. E. Cilley, " and team,	24.42
G. P. Rand, " "	38.75
C. H. Palmer, " "	10.50
J. Witham, " "	4.50
A. L. Healey,	9.00
E. M. Hall,	25.50
K. C. Fisk,	13.50
C. E. Morrill,	17.50
F. C. Fife, for labor and cashpaid for labor,	18.05
J. L. Brackett, team,	1.50
H. O. Cass, for labor and team,	5.50
C. F. Haynes " "	3.75
C. S. Hall, " and team,	7.50
J. M. Burnham, " "	7.00
M. C. Libby, " "	5.00
F. W. Yeaton, " "	2.50
C. A. Brown, " "	6.00
J. B. Demers, " "	6.00
W. J. Brown, " "	5.45
G. V. Pike, " "	4.50
G. A. Pike, " "	1.50
A. L. Brown, " "	12.45
George Sanders, — " and team,	14.55
P. C. Giles, " "	.60
James Yeaton, " "	3.75
H. E. Dotey, " "	2.25
S. B. Woodbury, " "	4.42
H. C. Ames, " and team,	7.35

Paid Hollis Hall, labor and team,	\$10.25
T. B. Langley, labor,	1.05
M. C. Philbrick, "	1.05
N. H. Munroe, "	45.25
Peter Montming, "	24.00
W. H. Tripp, " and team,	20.50
Daniel Yeaton, " "	2.48
C. H. Foss, "	3.75
G. T. Dutton, "	26.52
A. D. Wicom, "	4.50
J. B. Tennant, spikes and oil,	1.00
D. G. Chesley, for labor and team,	38.14
A. O. Carter, "	3.00
Calvin Dowst, "	3.45
J. L. Wells, "	5.00
S. B. Cofran, "	10.50
J. T. Libby, "	5.25
F. L. Seavey, "	1.50
J. Hadlock, repairs for road machine,	16.25
Walter Pickard, labor and team,	10.50
Walter Pickard, labor and cash paid for labor,	21.45
K. C. Libby, for labor,	2.25
J. M. Clark, "	4.00
Joseph Lawrence, " and cash paid for labor,	29.53
J. C. Brown, " and team,	7.05
Walter Hartford, "	1.50
John Spurlin, "	1.50
J. B. Tennant, freight and express,	.70
S. B. Page, for labor,	23.17
S. L. Clark, "	10.95
Henry Bickford, "	23.91
Silver & Hall, powder and fuse,	1.60

Paid J. C. Yeaton,	for labor and team,	\$62.38
W. H. Yeaton,	“ “	33.05
C. A. Yeaton,	“	12.75
A. L. Yeaton,	for labor and team,	30.07
A. L. Yeaton,	bridge timber and grade,	15.00
J. H. Bickford,	for labor,	1.50
George A. Stokoe,	“	4.12
B. M. Towle,	“ and team,	47.85
George V. Fisk,	“	4.50
J. O. Fisk,	“	9.12
A. D. Sherburne,	“	8.25
D. G. Chesley,	bridge plank,	12.96
Cyrus Marden,	for labor and team,	10.20
A. L. Healy,	“	4.50
A. L. Ladd,	“	2.25
G. A. Pike,	“	4.50
Kidder Fisk,	“	7.50
A. P. Bickford,	“ and team,	7.00
A. L. Ricker,	blacksmith bill,	1.07
J. E. Eastman,	for labor and team,	4.35
H. G. Leighton,	“	1.50
E. S. Baker,	“	1.35
G. C. Towle,	“ and team,	18.00
C. W. Doe,	“	4.50
W. C. Burnham,	“ and team,	38.90
J. E. Eastman,	“ “	6.00
C. W. Davis,	“	9.00
David Barton,	“ and team,	11.32
G. H. Philbrick,	“ “	17.70
Alonzo Batchelder,	“ “	24.00
S. W. Bickford,	“ “	9.00
Towle & Goss,	bridge plank,	31.35
W. P. Babb,	for labor and team,	8.50
H. S. Knowles,	for nails, spikes, powder and fuse,	6.45

Paid M. L. Burnham, blacksmith's bill,	\$2.25
William Lent, " "	1.75
S. R. Yeaton, for labor and team,	31.00
A. L. Sanders, " "	17.10
E. E. Wells, " "	9.35
J. H. Dolbeer, " "	1.20
J. S. Straw, " "	.75
H. D. Haynes, " "	1.50
G. P. Cass, " "	2.10
A. B. Cass, " "	1.50
J. L. Bickford, " and team,	5.00
C. R. Dutton, " "	198.09
J. H. Tripp, " "	141.75
E. R. Yeaton, " "	130.00
Total,	<hr/> \$1,929.29

Summer work, \$1,573.52

Winter work, 355.77

\$1,929.29

CHARLES R. DUTTON,
JAMES H. TRIPP,
EDWIN R. YEATON,

Road Agents.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following is the report of the treasurer of the receipts and disbursements for the year ending February 15, 1898.

RECEIPTS.

Received of J. B. Tennant, former treasurer,	\$451.42
D. C. Ayer, collector for 1895,	40.00
F. C. Fife, collector for 1896,	384.00
“ “ “	
interest on tax,	12.22
E. E. Wells, board of Susan Dutton,	41.00
P. Smith, by note,	200.00
town clerk, license money on dogs,	131.89
State treasurer, insurance tax,	22.50
“ railroad tax,	250.15
“ savings bank tax,	956.56
State treasurer, literary fund,	85.56
Hillsborough county for support of J. M. Hayes,	69.30
Merrimack county, for support of paupers,	366.57
S. R. Yeaton road agent for 1896, for old plank,	9.28
F. C. Fife, collector for 1897,	4,631.00
“ “ “	
interest on tax,	7.75
	\$7,659.20

DISBURSEMENTS.

By amount of paid orders 1 to 125 inclusive,	\$7,389.70
Balance in treasury,	\$269.50

GEORGE E. WARREN,
Treasurer.

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF TOWN, FEBRUARY
15, 1898.

LIABILITIES.

Indebtedness by note and interest,	\$4,788.91
Trust fund (care of Chesley lot in cemetery),	50.00
Due school district (dog license),	125.89
Due Daniel C. Ayer, collecting taxes, 1895,	50.80
Due Fred C. Fife, collecting taxes, 1897	15.00
	<u>\$5,029.80</u>

ASSETS.

Remaining on D. C. Ayer's list, collector for 1895,	\$80.05
Remaining on F. C. Fife's list, collector for 1897,	535.99
Remaining in the treasury,	269.50
S. M. Chesley fund,	50.00
	<u>\$935.54</u>
Actual indebtedness,	\$4,094.26

The town also holds 177 shares of stock in the Sun-cook Valley Railroad.

Having examined the foregoing accounts of the selectmen and treasurer of the town of Epsom, for the past year, I hereby certify that I find them correctly cast and supported by proper vouchers.

JOHN H. DOLBEER,
Auditor.

EPSOM, February 16, 1898.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

BOOKS ADDED TO THE LIBRARY THE PAST YEAR.

CLASS D.—DRAMA AND POETRY.

No.	Author.
14.	Magnolia Leaves, Mrs. B. C. Rude.

CLASS A.—ART.

12.	Elements of Geology,	Le Compt.
13.	Elementary Geology,	R. S. Tarr.
14.	Half Hours with the Telescope,	R. A. Proctor.
15.	The Moon,	"
16.	Myths and Marvels of Astronomy,	"
17.	Our Place among Infinities	"
18.	Other Worlds than Ours,	"
19.	The Expanse of Heaven,	"
20.	Evolution and Ethics,	Huxley.
21.	The Origin of the Species,	Darwin.
22.	Darwinism Stated by Darwin Himself,	"

CLASS F.—FICTION.

375.	Soldiers of Fortune,	R. H. Davis.
376.	King of the Mountain,	Edmund About.
377.	Choir Invisible,	James L. Allen.
378.	Miss Archer Archer,	Mrs. Burnham.
379.	The Wisdom of Fools,	Mrs. Deland.
380.	The Burglar who Moved Paradise,	H. D. Ward.
381.	The Merry Maid of Arcady,	Mrs. Harrison.
382.	Jerome, a Poor Boy,	M. E. Wilson.
383.	King Noanett,	F. J. Stimson.

No.		Author.
384.	Miss Wildfire,	Jule M. Leffman.
385.	Hilda Stafford,	Beatrice Harraden.
386.	Lad's Love,	S. R. Crockett.
387.	Quo Vardis.	
388.	The Lucky Number,	J. K. Friedman.
389.	Miss Ayer of Virginia,	Julia Magruder.
390.	Arkansas Planter,	Opie Reed.
391.	The Man Who Wins,	Robert Herrick.
392.	St. Ives,	R. L. Stevenson.
393.	Social Life in Old Virginia,	Thomas N. Page.
394.	King's Highway,	A. E. Barr.
395.	Captain Courageous,	Rudyard Kipling.
396.	Saracenesca,	F. Marion Crawford,
397.	Iliaro,	"
398.	Don Orsino,	F. Marion Crawford.
399.	Marion Darch,	"
400.	Dr. Claudius,	"
401.	A Roman Singer,	"
402.	Inez,	Augusta E. Wilson.
403.	Macaria,	"
404.	St. Elmo,	"
405.	Dariel,	"
406.	The General's Double,	Capt. Chas. King.
407.	Homestead on the Hillside,	Mary J. Holmes.
408.	Dora Deane,	"
409.	Marian Grey,	"
410.	Daisy Thornton,	"
411.	Edith Lyle,	"
412.	Being a Boy,	C. D. Warner.
413.	My Summer in a Garden,	"
414.	Back Log Studies,	"
415.	Down the Ravine,	Craddock.
416.	The Prophet of the Great Smoky Mountain,	"

No.		Author.
417.	The Power of Silence,	H. Dresser.
418.	Dr. Warwick's Daughter,	R. H. Davis.
419.	Lady of the Violets,	F. W. Rollins.
420.	Might Have Been,	Rev. Jos. Parker.
421.	Ben Hur,	Gen. Lew Wallace.
422.	Lorna Doone,	R. D. Blackmore.
423.	Vendetta,	Corelli.
424.	Marooned,	W. C. Russell.
425.	John Norton's Thanksgiving Party,	W. H. H. Murray.
426.	Your Little Brother James,	C. H. Pemberton.

CLASS J.—JUVENILE.

74.	Esther Ried,	Mrs. G. R. Alden (Pansy).
75.	Julia Ried,	"
76.	Esther Ried Yet Speaking,	"
77.	Chautauqua Girls at Home,	"
78.	Ruth Erskine's crosses,	"
79.	Judge Burnham's Daughters,	"
80.	Modern Prophets,	"

FINANCIAL REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

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By	balance from last year,	\$60.27
	town appropriation,	60.00
	cash from towns for incidental expenses,	32.00
	cash from librarian (finis),	3.44
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		\$155.71

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To cash paid for books,	\$57.46
librarian for services,	25.00
for insurance on books,	4.50
for labels for books,	1.25
for new shelves,	1.25
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	\$89.46
Balance on hand,	\$66.25

WARREN TRIPP,
JOHN H. DOLBEER,
ROSCOE HILL,

Trustees.

EPSOM, February 15, 1898.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF SCHOOL DISTRICT.

March, 1897.

Received of B. M. Towle, balance of school money,		\$107.17
of town treasurer, school appropriation,		1,200.00
of town treasurer, literary fund,		85.56
“ balance of dog money,		85.34
of town treasurer, for text books,		58.84
books sold,		.25
of B. M. Towle, balance for repairs,	\$15.74	
of town treasurer for repairs,	75.00	90.74
of Deerfield, tuition of pupils,		27.25
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		\$1,655.15

EXPENSES.

Paid teachers,		\$1,327.50
for text books,		59.09
for wood and fitting same,		58.50
for cleaning school houses,		15.00
J. C. Brown, shingling New Rye school house,	\$13.13	
J. H. Dolbeer, fence at New Rye school house,	6.55	
J. E. Philbrick, painting Gossville school house,	30.70	

Paid J. E. Philbrick, lead and oil,	\$19.30	
“ painting and		
other repairs on inside of		
Gossville school house,	9.00	78.68
school district of Chichester, tuition,		21.00
Daniel J. Etheredge, conveying pupils,		10.00
John H. Dolbeer, incidental expenses,		10.40
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		\$1,580.17
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Balance in treasury,		\$74.98
School money,	\$62.92	
Repair money,	12.06	
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	\$74.98	

JOHN H. DOLBEER,
Treasurer.

EPSOM, February 15, 1898.

Having examined the foregoing accounts of the treasurer of the school district of Epsom, I hereby certify that I find them correctly cast and supported by full and proper vouchers.

HORACE G. LEIGHTON,
Auditor.

February 15, 1898.

SCHOOL REPORT.

The school year ending January 21, 1898, has consisted of twenty-seven weeks divided into three terms—a spring term of nine weeks, a fall term of ten weeks, and a winter term of eight weeks. The entire number of pupils for the year has been one hundred and thirty-one—sixty-six boys and sixty-five girls.

It seems to us very desirable to have at least thirty weeks of schooling, and we earnestly recommend that the appropriation of money be sufficiently large to make this possible the coming year.

We feel that our schools have been a decided success owing to the combined efforts of board of education, teachers, parents, citizens, and pupils.

Your school board, who are always ready to listen to friendly criticisms or helpful suggestions, are grateful for the encouragement that they have received from the friends of the schools.

None of our teachers were wholly without experience in teaching and we have retained with one exception the same teacher in each school throughout the year; even in that case the same teacher was employed two terms and the preceding instructor had taught the school for a year.

Our teachers almost without exception have done good, conscientious work, trying to improve themselves and their schools each term. This is as we desire that it should be, since we believe that the great need of education everywhere is more scholarly teachers who thoroughly understand their vocation. A distinguished author has said:

“The complete equipment and training of the teacher for his profession comprehends (1) a knowledge of the

subject of instruction ; (2) a knowledge of the nature of the being to be instructed ; (3) a knowledge of the best methods of instruction."

With such a preparation on the part of the teachers and with pupils who are perfect in attendance, willing to work faithfully and cheerfully, to follow the guidance of their teacher, we should expect the very best results from our schools.

The great evil of irregular attendance still exists to such an extent in many of our schools that we are inclined to wish that the law were as stringent here as in Germany, where the pupils are obliged to be present at every session of school, illness alone excusing them. We would urge the parents to see that their children are not absent from school unless it is very essential that they should be.

No change in text books has been made this year, but we have introduced for supplementary reading a series of English and American classics prepared for school use and valuable for the knowledge of English and American literature which they impart and the taste for pure wholesome reading that they tend to form. For supplementary reading for the youngest children we have furnished the Werner Primer, and the First Year Nature Reader.

The Gossville school house has been painted the past year, and one side of the one at New Rye shingled.

The mountain school house must be shingled at once and other improvements could be made there that would be beneficial, and some of the others could be greatly improved with paint and other repairs inside.

Your attention is respectfully called to the tabular statement of schools containing names and wages of teachers, number of scholars in each school, average attendance, studies pursued, also to our treasurer's report.

ROLL OF HONOR.

The figures following a name indicate the number of terms that the pupil has been perfect in attendance.

CENTRE SCHOOL.

Elvira S. Chesley, 2	Charlie Rogers,
Roy Marston, 2.	

GOSSVILLE.

Lena Marden,	Arthur Etheredge,
Ada L. Brown,	Alice B. Yeaton,
Arthur Friel,	Elmer Palmer,
Arthur Brown,	Ada Brown,
Helen Towle,	Elsie White,
Walter L. Marden, 2	Grace F. Leighton, 2
Fred A. Davis, 2	Eva J. Davis, 2
Ethel Marston, 2	Nellie F. Sherburne, 2
Alfred Eastman, 2	Ethel Goss, 2
Ada F. Marden, 3	Ethel A. Marden, 3
Olin Pierce, 3	Amey Etheredge, 3
Ira D. Stokes, 3.	

NEW ORCHARD.

Myrtie H. Paige, 2.	Eva M. Paige,
Beulah A. Paige,	Lizzie E. Clark,
Sadie O. Clark.	

NORTH ROAD.

Adora Demers,	Olive Sullivan,
Willie Sullivan, 2	Arthur Sullivan,
Rosa Bastile,	Johnie Bastile,
Eddie B. Demers,	Henry B. Swain,
Robert A. Yeaton.	

Births Registered in the Town of Epsom, for the Year ending December 31, 1897.

Date of birth.	Place of birth.	Name of the child (if any).	Sex.	Living or still-born.	No. of child, 1st, 2d, etc.	Color.	Name of father.	Maiden name of mother.	Color of parents.	Residence of parents.	Occupation of father.	Birthplace of father.	Birthplace of mother.	Age of father.	Age of mother.
Jan. 12	Walter Joseph	M.	L	7	W.	Hiram G. Hartford.	Mary E. West.	Mary E. West.	W.	All of Epsom.	Laborer.	Deerfield	Fremont.	59 33	59 33
Feb. 19		F.	"	1	"	Herbert S. Stanley	Carrie G. Keyes.	Carrie G. Keyes.	"	"	"	Epsom.	Quincy.	23 23	23 23
June 4		F.	"	4	"	Isaac Hall	Mary J. Marston.	Mary J. Marston.	"	"	"	Candia.	Chichester.	55 38	55 38
Apr. 24	Harold	M.	"	2	"	William C. Burnham.	Hattie A. Pike.	Hattie A. Pike.	"	"	Farmer	Epsom.	Bradford.	25 26	25 26
" 15	Lottie Gertrude	F.	"	3	C.	Chapin H. Osgood.	Alice E. Hanson.	Alice E. Hanson.	"	"	Teacher.	London	Barnstead	25 23	25 23
" 22	Arthur L.	F.	"	1	W.	Harrison Wentworth	Margaret Mills.	Margaret Mills.	"	"	Laborer.	Boscawen	New York	35 40	35 40
May 8	Addie E.	F.	"	1	W.	Edward S. Morrill.	Ernestine L. Heath.	Ernestine L. Heath.	W.	"	Newspaper	Pittsfield	Epsom.	30 20	30 20
" 20	Warren Tripp	F.	"	1	"	John Clarke.	Hattie B. Weeks.	Hattie B. Weeks.	"	"	Laborer	Epsom.	Chichester.	24 20	24 20
" 23	Joseph Fred	M.	"	3	"	Blanchard H. Fowler	Annie M. Tripp.	Annie M. Tripp.	"	"	Farmer	Epsom.	Epsom.	39 29	39 29
July 11	Jennie Marion.	"	"	5	"	Charles LaClair.	Matilda Hammell.	Matilda Hammell.	"	"	Laborer.	Canada.	Canada.	28 28	28 28
Aug. 1	Hazel Alice.	F.	"	2	"	Albert L. Healey.	Hattie F. Ladd.	Hattie F. Ladd.	"	"	"	Alexandria.	Piermont.	29 31	29 31
Aug. 21	Lura Marion.	"	"	4	"	John F. Ethredge.	Annie McDonald.	Annie McDonald.	"	"	Farmer.	Nova Scotia.	Nova Scotia.	32 32	32 32
Sept. 3	Joseph Fred.	M.	"	6	"	Walter W. Hartford.	Eva May Stevens.	Eva May Stevens.	"	"	"	Suncook.	Bow.	25 33	25 33
Oct. 23		F.	"	1	"	James E. Eastman.	Frances M. Parker.	Frances M. Parker.	"	"	"	Deerfield.	Barnstead.	24 31	24 31
Nov. 14		F.	"	1	"	Albert A. Ordway.	Mary Nettie Hood.	Mary Nettie Hood.	"	"	Laborer.	Canada.	Canada.	29 28	29 28
" 15		F.	"	1	"	Frank P. Wheeler.	Angie E. Crooker.	Angie E. Crooker.	"	"	Farmer.	Epsom.	Fall River, Mass	26 19	26 19
							Lillian E. Hilliard.	Lillian E. Hilliard.	"	"	"	Montpelier, Vt.	Chichester.	28 24	28 24

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M. C. PHILBRICK, *Town Clerk.*

Marriages Registered in the Town of Epsom, for the Year ending December 31, 1897.

Date of Marriage.	Place of marriage.	Name and surname of groom and bride.	Residence of each at time of marriage.	Age, yrs.	Color of each.	Occupation of groom and bride.	Place of birth of each.	Names of parents.	Birthplace of parents.	Occupation.	What married.	Name, residence, and official station of person by whom married.
Jan. 4	Epsom.	Frank R. Hilliard.....	Epsom.....	22		Farmer.....	Epsom.....	Warren E. Hilliard.....	Chichester.....	Farmer.....	1	J. W. Scribner, clergyman, Epsom
"	"	Millie L. Hilliard.....	"	17		Domestic.....	"	Hosea L. Hilliard.....	Pittsfield.....	Housewife.....	1	
Mar. 30	"	John C. Yeaton.....	"	21		Farmer.....	"	Emma Clifford.....	New Hampton.....	Blacksmith.....	1	J. W. Scribner, clergyman, Epsom.
"	"	Nellie B. Perkins.....	Lynn, Mass.....	19		Domestic.....	Saugus, Mass.....	James Yeaton.....	Alexandria.....	Housewife.....	1	
"	"	Charles A. Yeaton.....	Epsom.....	49		Farmer.....	Epsom.....	Amie R. Crockett.....	Epsom.....	Farmer.....	1	
May 18	Pittsfield.	Charles A. Yeaton.....	Epsom.....	49		Farmer.....	Epsom.....	Daniel H. Perkins.....	Concord.....	Housewife.....	1	
"	"	Mary E. Lyons.....	Monticello, Me.....	31		Domestic.....	Monticello, Me.....	Martha A. Ayer.....	Deerfield.....	Housewife.....	3	H. W. Furler, clergyman, Pittsfield
June 21	Epsom.....	Charles M. Steele.....	Epsom.....	24		Shoe worker.....	Epsom.....	Warren Yeaton.....	Epsom.....	Farmer.....	1	
"	"	Helen E. P. Yeaton.....	"	19		Domestic.....	"	Catharine A. Yeaton.....	Monticello, Me.....	Housewife.....	1	
July 3	Chichester.	Ernest L. Heath.....	"	20	All white.	Farmer.....	"	Jeremiah Lyons.....	Monticello, Me.....	Housewife.....	1	J. W. Scribner, clergyman, Epsom.
"	"	Sadie B. Blood.....	Chichester.....	17		Domestic.....	Strafford.....	Hannah S. Ellis.....	Epsom.....	Housewife.....	1	
"	"	Frank S. Webster.....	Barnstead.....	42		Laborer.....	"	Charles A. Steele.....	Epsom.....	Farmer.....	1	
"	"	Eva Marden.....	Epsom.....	41		Shop girl.....	"	Hannah P. Cilley.....	"	Farmer.....	1	
"	"	Albert G. Choate.....	Monmouth, Ill.....	29		Architect.....	Enfield.....	James Yeaton.....	Concord.....	Housewife.....	1	J. A. Steele, clergyman, Chichester.
"	"	Bertha A. Scribner.....	Epsom.....	24		Domestic.....	Hartsville, Ind.....	Annie R. Crockett.....	Orange.....	Farmer.....	5	
Sept. 29	"	William H. Knowles.....	"	22		Clerk.....	Deerfield.....	Lucian Heath.....	North Weare.....	Housewife.....	3	J. A. Steele, clergyman, Chichester.
"	"	Elsie N. Warren.....	"	23		Domestic.....	Chichester.....	Edwin H. Blood.....	Chichester.....	Housewife.....	1	J. W. Scribner, clergyman, Epsom.
"	"							Ella D. Knowles.....	Springfield.....	Clergyman.....	1	
"	"							Joseph Webster.....	Chichester.....	Housewife.....	1	
"	"							Sarah A. Onis.....	Strafford.....	Carpenter.....	1	
"	"							Mark Marden.....	Epsom.....	Housewife.....	1	
"	"							Sarah J. Marden.....	Enfield.....	Farmer.....	1	
"	"							Moses S. Choate.....	Canaan.....	Clergyman.....	1	
"	"							Hannah Sanborn.....	Roxbury.....	Housewife.....	1	
"	"							John W. Scribner.....	Raymond.....	Clergyman.....	1	
"	"							Mary E. Way.....	Shelbyville, Ind.....	Housewife.....	1	
"	"							Henry S. Knowles.....	Northwood.....	Merchant.....	1	
"	"							Genelia Cate.....	Cornish, Me.....	Housewife.....	1	
"	"							George E. Warren.....	Chichester.....	Mechanic.....	1	F. D. Chandler, clergyman, Chichester
"	"							Lizzie M. Holmes.....	Randolph.....	Housewife.....	1	

MARRIAGES — *Continued.*

Date of marriage.	Place of marriage.	Name and surname of groom and bride.	Residence of each at time of marriage.	Age, yrs.	Color of each.	Occupation of groom and bride.	Place of birth of each.	Name of parents.	Birthplace of parents.	Occupation.	What marriage.	Name, residence, and official station of person by whom married.
Nov. 17	Epsom.....	Burt French.....	Epsom.....	25	All white.	Farmer.....	Deerfield...	Samuel C. French.....	Nottingham....	Farmer.....	1	J. W. Scribner, clergyman, Epsom.
"	"	Georgia A. Fowler.....	"	23		Teacher.....	Epsom.....	Mary J. Hartford.....	Deerfield.....	Housewife....	1	
Dec. 22	"	Ansel C. Heath.....	"	23		Brakeman....	Grafton.....	William Fowler.....	Epsom.....	Farmer.....	1	
"	"	Edith G. Batchelder....	"	25		Domestic.....	Epsom.....	Sarah E. Kelley.....	Pembroke....	Housewife....	1	J. W. Scribner, clergyman, Epsom.
								Christopher S. French	Washington, Vt	Carpenter....	1	
								Rosiller W. Clough...	Pittsfield....	Housewife....	1	
								Elbridge G. Batchelder	Epsom.....	Farmer.....	1	
								Vienna R. Yeaton.....	"	Housewife....	1	

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M. C. PHILBRICK, *Town Clerk*

Deaths Registered in the Town of Epsom, for the year ending December 31, 1897.

Date of death.	Place of birth.	Name and surname of the deceased.	Age.			Place of birth.	Sex.	Color.	Single, married, or widowed.	Occupation.	Place of birth.		Name of father.	Maiden name of mother.
			Years.	Months.	Days.						Father.	Mother.		
Jan. 19	Epsom.	Asenath E. Briggs.	44	6	16	Lincolntonville, Me.	F.	W.	D.	Housekeeper.	Sutton.	Coventry, Vt.	Edward S. Hardy.	Betsy Lyons.
" 22	"	Maria M. B. Lovejoy.	55	4	"	S. Barnston, P.Q.	"	"	M.	Housewife.	Epsom.	Northwood.	Andrew Belknap.	Cynthia Chapman.
" 26	"	Susan A. Bickford.	30	6	20	Epsom.	"	"	S.	Shop girl.	Epsom.	Northwood.	Morrill D. Bickford.	Eliza J. Hoyt.
" 30	"	Nancie A. Sanders.	55	5	6	"	"	"	M.	Housewife.	Epsom.	Chichester.	David White.	Mary Ann Carr.
Feb. 14	"	Mary S. Wells.	62	10	"	Epsom.	"	"	"	"	Temple.	Chichester.	Jonathan Brown.	Maria Libby.
Mar. 5	"	Phebe Heald Brackett.	75	10	20	Temple.	"	"	"	Blacksmith.	Chichester.	Pittsfield.	Nathan Heald.	Annie Stickney.
Mar. 28	"	Frank Fellows.	53	4	28	Pittsfield.	M.	"	W.	Shoemaker.	Northwood.	Straford.	John Fellows.	Betsy G. Page.
" 28	"	Smith Knowles.	77	10	2	Northwood.	"	"	W.	Housekeeper.	New Boston.	New Boston.	Morris Knowles.	Polly Caverly.
Apr. 10	"	Letitia F. Goss.	80	9	26	New Boston.	F.	"	M.	Laborer.	New Boston.	New Boston.	Nathan Davis.	Hannah Davis.
Apr. 14	"	Isaac Hall.	55	"	"	Candia.	M.	"	M.	Farmer.	Epsom.	Bradford.	Wm. C. Burnham.	Hattie A. Pike.
May 8	"	Zachariah Leighton.	79	"	"	Northingham.	"	"	S.	"	Epsom.	New York.	Hars'n Wentworth.	Margaret Mills.
June 4	"	Infant child.	2	"	"	Epsom.	F.	C.	"	Boscawen.	Epsom.	Epsom.	Nathan Goss.	Dorothy Grant.
" 14	"	Lottie G. Wentworth.	73	"	"	Allenstown.	"	W.	W.	Housekeeper.	Deerfield.	Deerfield.	Nathan Chase.	Eliza Chase.
Aug. 21	"	Abbie L. Dolbeer.	53	3	"	Deerfield.	"	W.	M.	Farmer.	Deerfield.	Fall River, Ms.	Albert A. Ordway.	Angie E. Croker.
" 23	"	Benjamin F. Chase.	53	"	"	Epsom.	"	"	S.	"	Epsom.	Milford.	Robert Cotton.	Abby Burns.
Dec. 11	"	Infant child.	29	"	"	Epsom.	F.	"	W.	Housekeeper.	Milford.	Milford.	"	"
Mar. 14	Allenstown.	Abby Jane Haynes.	74	"	"	Greenfield.	"	"	W.	"	"	"	"	"

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MAURICE C. PHILBRICK, *Town Clerk.*



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